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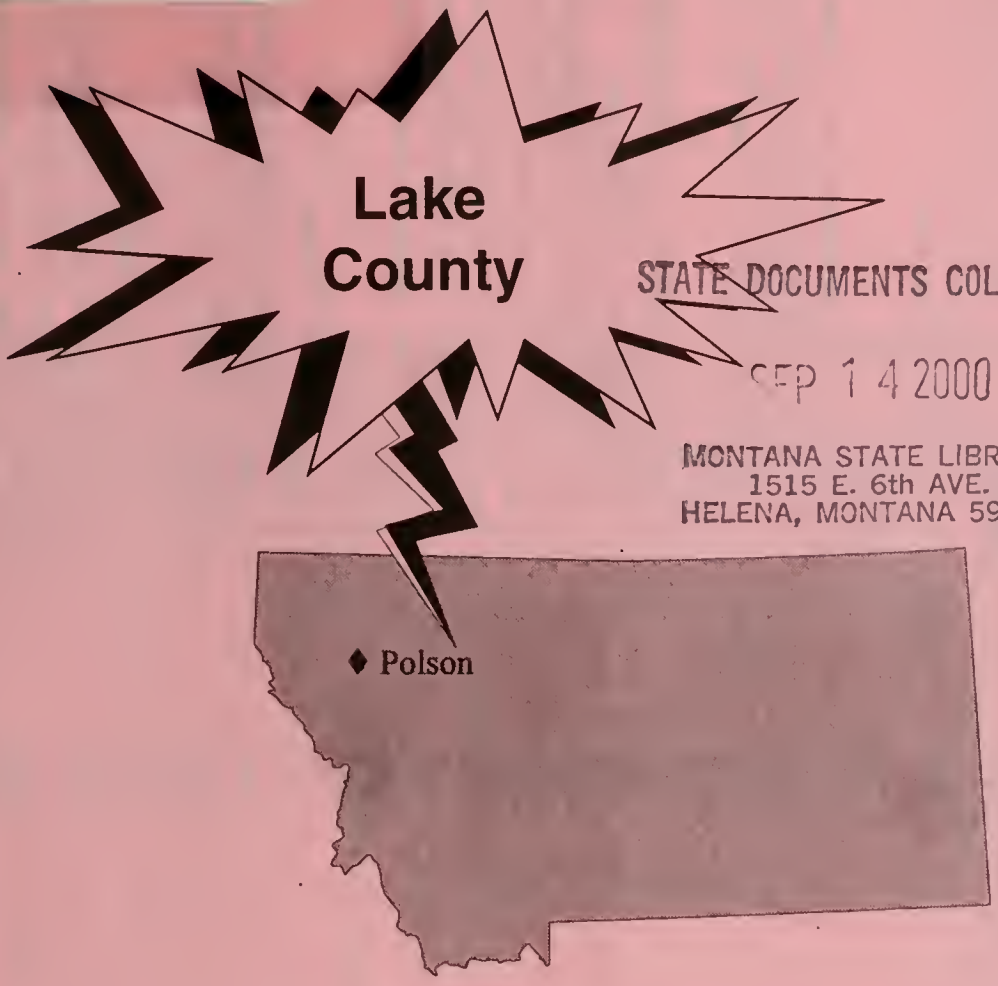

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Lake County

Located in northwestern Montana, Lake County is Montana's ninth most populous with 21,041 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Polson, the county seat, is the state's 22nd largest city with a population of 3,291. According to the *Montana Almanac,* by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1923 and was one of the last counties to be formed in Montana. The authors add Flathead Lake was the inspiration for Lake county's name and Polson was named for Mission Valley stockman David Polson.

Lake County is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. The Flathead Reservation was established by the Hellgate Treaty of 1855. In 1845, Father Pierre Jean DeSmet arrived and helped establish the first permanent mission at St. Ignatius in 1854. Lake County is also home to the Mission Valley and Mission Mountain Range, Flathead Lake, the National Bison Range, Bob Marshall Wilderness and close to Glacier National Park.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Lake County households in 1989 was $19,755. The county is 1,653.8 square miles in area; 1,493.8 square miles in land area and 159.9 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Montana Almanac,* the average daily low in Polson in January between 1980 and 1989 was 17.9 degrees above zero and average January snowfall 11.2 inches. The average daily high in July was 82.3 degrees above. The *Montana Almanac* shows the annual average precipitation near Bigfork in 1995 was 25.86 inches and the length of growing season 143 days.

Lake County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/98 Estimate	7/1/97 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '98	% Change '90 to '97
Montana	880,453	876,730	799,065	10.2%	10.0%
Lake County	25,648	25,410	21,041	21.9%	20.6%
Polson	4,593	4,475	3,291	39.6%	36.0%
Ronan	1,939	1,916	1,547	25.3%	23.9%
St. Ignatius	936	926	776	20.3%	19.0%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

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07	Agricultural Services	2
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First Quarter 1999 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Lake County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	5,144	4,800	344	6.7%
1971	5,491	5,140	351	6.4%
1972	6,361	6,013	348	5.5%
1973	6,751	6,385	366	5.4%
1974	6,854	6,413	441	6.4%
1975	6,577	6,044	533	8.1%
1976	7,059	6,557	502	7.1%
1977	7,549	7,036	513	6.8%
1978	8,022	7,480	542	6.8%
1979	8,135	7,643	492	6.0%
1980	7,947	7,358	589	7.4%
1981	8,274	7,617	657	7.9%
1982	8,848	7,993	855	9.7%
1983	8,824	8,090	734	8.3%
1984	9,055	8,345	710	7.8%
1985	9,932	9,110	822	8.3%
1986	10,140	9,190	950	9.4%
1987	10,258	9,473	785	7.7%
1988	10,497	9,686	811	7.7%
1989	10,873	9,966	907	8.3%
1990	9,650	8,858	792	8.2%
1991	9,655	8,768	887	9.2%
1992	10,206	9,281	925	9.1%
1993	10,153	9,346	807	7.9%
1994	10,355	9,647	708	6.8%
1995	10,295	9,469	826	8.0%
1996	10,673	9,918	755	7.1%
1997	10,969	10,194	775	7.1%
1998	11,348	10,509	839	7.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1999 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	9,075	4,968	4,107
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	1,902	874	1,028
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	729	400	329
Professional Specialty Occupations	1,173	474	699
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	2,033	620	1,413
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	175	96	79
Sales Occupations	756	349	407
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	1,102	175	927
Service Occupations	1,507	433	1,074
Private Household Occupations	53	0	53
Protective Service Occupations	105	88	17
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	1,349	345	1,004
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,184	924	260
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	1,218	1,115	103
Mechanics and Repairers	432	414	18
Construction Trade	596	546	50
Extractive Occupations	11	11	0
Precision Production Occupations	179	144	35
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	1,202	986	216
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	372	287	85
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	425	383	42
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	405	316	89
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	29	16	13

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Resources

⇒ **Chambers of Commerce:**
Port Polson Chamber, P. O. Box 667, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-5969
Ronan Chamber, P. O. Box 254, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-8300
St. Ignatius Chamber, P. O. Box 452, St. Ignatius, MT 59865-0452, 406-745-4884

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry:**
Lake County Job Service Center
417-B Main St., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-5261

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications
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⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Northwest Montana Assocation of REALTORS©, 690 N. Meridian, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at **http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/**.
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⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Polson—11 Third Ave. W., Suite B, 406-883-3755

⇒ **Newspapers:**
Char-Kaosta News, P. O. Box 98, Pablo, MT 59855-0098, 406-675-3000
Lake County Leader, P. O. Box 1090, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-4343

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Jocko Valley Library, Highway 93, Arlee, MT 59821, 406-726-3572
Polson City Library, 2 First Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860-0820, 406-883-8225
Ronan City Library, 203 Main St. SW, Ronan, MT 59864-2706, 406-676-3682
St. Ignatius Public Library, 1st Ave., St. Ignatius, MT 59865, 406-745-2800
Swan Lake Public Library, Highway 83 South, Swan Lake, MT 59911-5115, 406-886-2086

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institution:**
Tribally Controlled Community College
Salish-Kootenai College, P. O. Box 117, Pablo, MT 59855, 406-675-4800

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Arlee Public Schools, P. O. Box 37, Arlee, MT 59821, 406-726-3216
Charlo Public Schools, P. O. Box 10, Charlo, MT 59824, 406-644-2207
Polson Public Schools, 111 Fourth Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-6355
Ronan Public Schools, Drawer R, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-3390
St. Ignatius K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 400, St. Ignatius, MT 59865, 406-745-4420
Swan Lake-Salmon Elementary, Box 5086, Swan Lake, MT 59911, 406-886-2374
Upper West Shore Elementary, P. O. Box 757, Pablo, MT 59855, 406-675-4800
Valley View Elementary, 7000 Valley View Road, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-2208

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Lake Employment By Industry*
Annual Averages 1998

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	802	7,856	$157,306,589
PRIVATE BUSINESS	743	8,598	$128,200,770
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	26	108	$1,322,710
Agri Production/Crops	9	56	$576,492
Agri Services	11	40	$533,109
MINING	3	25	$1,068,708
Mining & Quarry Nonmetal	3	25	$1,088,708
CONSTRUCTION	123	388	$6,703,892
General Building	38	126	$2,114,810
Heavy Construction	6	30	$667,249
Special Trade	79	211	$3,921,833
MANUFACTURING	42	1,059	$25,391,385
Food Products	5	19	$252,275
Lumber	14	308	$9,583,914
Printing-Publishing	6	64	$947,274
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	40	216	$6,905,818
Local Transportation	3	13	$112,229
Trucking-Warehousing	18	27	$435,847
Transport Services	4	10	$174,374
Communication	6	62	$2,020,488
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	6	95	$3,973,382
WHOLESALE TRADE	22	95	$1,999,617
Durable Goods	12	25	$474,239
Nondurable Goods	10	89	$1,525,378
RETAIL TRADE	197	1,599	$21,189,556
Bldg Materials-Garden	12	104	$1,817,293
Food Stores	17	248	$3,920,687
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	30	274	$4,840,751
Apparel & Accessories	5	29	$282,025
Furniture Stores	11	62	$1,385,818
Eating & Drinking	71	572	$4,821,097
Miscellaneous Retail	46	153	$2,075,812
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	52	286	$6,667,814
Banking	7	195	$4,747,989
Security & Commodity	3	3	$66,752
Insurance Agents	11	29	$536,570
Real Estate	26	45	$919,720
SERVICES	234	2,837	$56,951,474
Hotels & Lodging	16	150	$1,548,634
Personal Services	8	22	$267,351
Business Services	17	42	$724,330
Auto Repair Services	12	34	$660,751
Miscellaneous Repair Services	10	18	$331,280
Motion Pictures	7	260	$4,542,977
Amusement & Recreation	16	56	$561,771
Health Services	36	894	$15,155,733
Legal Services	13	39	$870,879
Educational Services	3	234	$5,090,134
Social Services	32	220	$2,544,132
Membership Organizations	22	970	$23,130,280
Engineering Services	24	62	$1,116,689
Private Households	13	26	$379,869
GOVERNMENT	59	1,257	$29,105,819
State	13	114	$2,939,340
Local	16	1,006	$21,978,527
Federal	30	136	$4,187,952

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research and Analysis. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data.)
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Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Montana	$3,558	$8,842	$15,038	$15,947	$16,541	$17,571	$17,590	$18,266	$18,872	$19,660
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Lake County	$2,550	$6,815	$12,983	$13,439	$14,177	$14,953	$15,111	$15,293	$16,015	$16,555
% of National Average	63%	68%	68%	68%	69%	70%	69%	68%	66%	65%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1999

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1990 Census of Population and Housing
Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	1,854	877	3	3	661	297	3	1	85	45	13	5
12-14	812	391	2	1	283	129	2	2	30	12	6	2
15-17	742	351	4	2	283	125	3	2	25	10	3	0
18-21	563	256	0	0	432	165	1	1	26	8	4	1
Total	3,971	1,875	9	6	1,659	716	9	6	166	75	28	8

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	12,364	6,396	9	2	2,926	1,410	21	14	215	88	48	17
16-64	9,322	4,778	6	2	2,673	1,267	19	13	195	79	41	15
18+	11,884	6,170	6	1	2,737	1,330	19	13	196	81	46	17
18-64	8,842	4,552	3	1	2,484	1,187	17	12	176	72	39	15

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	1,119	548	0	0	534	265	5	1	66	28	17	7
5-17	3,408	1,619	9	6	1,227	551	8	5	140	67	22	7
18-44	5,305	2,751	3	1	1,917	896	14	9	135	55	31	13
45-64	3,537	1,801	0	0	567	291	3	3	41	17	8	2
62+	3,589	1,903	3	0	316	181	3	2	23	10	8	2
65+	3,042	1,618	3	0	253	143	2	1	20	9	7	2
Total	16,411	8,337	15	7	4,498	2,148	32	19	402	176	85	31

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Lake County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Lake County
Out of State	11
Flathead County	72
Lake County	6,850
Missoula County	162
Ravalli County	13
Sanders County	50
Other Montana Counties	20

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Out of State	101
Flathead County	740
Glacier County	13
Lake County	6,850
Missoula County	261
Sanders County	118
Silver Bow County	27
Yellowstone County	17
Other Montana Counties	25

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.